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THE TREASURE.

In the upper apartment of an old-fashioned house in Paris were seated an old man and a young girl, whose appearance corresponded with the aspect of their habitation; for in both were visible a certain air of neatness and good taste, which can embellish even poverty itself, and give an air of elegance to the lowliest abode. Everything was in its place; the brick floor was carefully scrubbed; the faded green tapestry was free from every stain; and the windows were furnished with coarse curtains of white muslin, so thickly covered with damask, that it almost bore the appearance of embroidery. A few flower-pots stood outside the open window, and perfumed the room with their fragrance.

The sun was about to set; a purple light illuminated the humble dwelling, glancing on the fresh bright countenance of the young maiden, and playing around the white hairs of the aged man. This latter was reclining in a rickety arm-chair, which a careful and loving hand had furnished with cushions, carefully stuffed with tow, and covered with patched chintz. His mutilated limbs rested upon an old *chaise longue*, converted into a stool, and his only remaining pipe rested on a small table, on which lay an amber pipe and a tobacco case, embroidered with colored beads.

The old soldier had one of those bold and furrowed countenances whose roughness is tempered by his kind and frank expression. A gray moustache concealed his half-parted lips, as he fixed his eye with an unconscious smile upon the young girl. She was about twenty years of age; a brunette in whose winning and flexible features every passing emotion was portrayed. She held in her hand a newspaper, which she was reading aloud to the old man. Suddenly she stopped, and seemed to listen.

"What do you hear?" inquired the invalid.

"Nothing," replied the young girl, while her countenance was expressive of disappointment.

"You thought you heard Charles?" inquired the soldier.

"It is true that I fancied so," replied his young companion, slightly coloring; "his day's work must be finished, and this is his hour for returning."

"When he does return, remarked Vincent, in a tone of vexation.

Susan was on the point of seeking to justify her cousin, but her judgment was doubtless opposed to the attempt, for she stopped embarrassed, and then fell into a reverie.

The invalid soldier passed his hand across his moustache, and twisted it impatiently, his usual gesture when anything annoyed him.

"Our young cousin is making a bad campaign of it," he at length began. "He returns here out of humor; he leaves his work to the frequent taverns and the race-course; all that will do badly for both him and us."

"Oh do not say so, uncle!" You will bring him ill luck," replied the young girl in a tone of deep emotion. "I hope it is only a moment of depression, which will quickly pass away. Some time past, my cousin has got some strange notions into his head, and he has not the heart to work."

"And why so, pray?"

"Because he says he can't expect to better himself by his labor. He thinks that an artisan, let him work ever so hard, can have nothing to hope for the future, and therefore deems it best to live merely for the present hour, without carefulness and without hope."

"Ah! so that is his system, is it?" replied the old man, knitting his brows. "Well, the honor of inventing it does not belong to him. We had also in our regiment, comrades of that kind, who gladly avoided marching with their comrades because the way was so long, and who dragged on their dull existence in the depots, while their companies were taking possession of Madrid, Berlin, and Vienna. Your cousin, you see, does not seem to be aware that by putting one foot in front of the other, even the shortest legs will get to Rome at last."

"Ah, if you could only get him to be of that opinion!" exclaimed Susan with anxious earnestness. "I have often tried to change his mind, by showing up how much a good bookbinder such as he is, might economize; but when I came to the total, he shrugs his shoulders, and says that women understand nothing about calculations."

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"My uncle, I assure you—
"What makes you so often forget to water your gilly-flowers, or to sing your merry songs?"

"My uncle—
Susan looked down as if confused, and twisted the corner of the paper. The old soldier laid his hand affectionately on her head—
"Come, then; I do believe she thinks I am going to scold her," he continued in a tone of brusque kindness. "Isn't it quite natural, Charles, who is now your cousin, and who one day, I hope—"

"The young girl made a sudden movement.
"Well, well; they won't talk any more about that," said the veteran, checking himself—
"we won't talk any more of that just now—
But let us speak a little about this good-for-nothing boy, for whom you feel some friendship—that is the proper word, I think—and who, on his side, feels kindly towards you."

"Susan shook her head. "He used to do so in former days," said she; "but for some time past, if you knew how cold he seems, how indifferent to me."

"Yes," remarked Vincent pensively, "when one has once partaken of exciting amusements, the pleasures of home appear insipid; it is like drinking home-made wine after cherry brandy; one can understand that, my child; many of us know it by experience."

"But they have been cured," observed Susan; "therefore Charles may be so too. Perhaps your speaking to him, uncle, might do him good."

"The old man shook his head doubtfully. "Such faults as his are not cured by a few words, my child—acts are necessary. A man can no more be suddenly transformed into a reasonable being than into a goal soldier; he requires exercise, experience, fatigue; he must learn his business at the cannon's mouth. Your cousin, you see, is deficient in will, because he does not see before him any object to be attained. The great thing would be to find one which would stimulate him to persevering industry, but this is no easy matter; however, I will think about it."

"It is his time," exclaimed Susan, who had recognized the hurried steps of her cousin as he ascended the stairs.

"Silence, then," said the veteran, "we must not seem to have been talking about him, so go on reading to me."

Susan obeyed; but the tremulousness of her voice would quickly have betrayed her emotion to the ears of an attentive observer. Whilst her eyes rested on the printed characters before her, and her lips mechanically pronounced the written words her thoughts were absorbed by her cousin, who had just then entered the room. As the reading continued, the young workman did not feel himself obliged to speak; so, without saluting his uncle or cousin, he went over to the window, and stood leaning against it with folded arms.

Susan went on reading, without understanding a word she said. She came to that series of unconnected facts which are always to be found under the head of "Varieties." Charles, who had at first appeared distrustful, ended by listening; and in spite of himself.

The young girl, after reading a list of robberies, fires, and accidents of divers kinds, came to the following article: A poor pedler of Besancon, named Peter Lefevre, resolving to make a fortune at any cost, conceived the idea of setting out for India, which he had heard spoken of as the land of gold and diamonds. He sold what he possessed, reached Bordeaux, and embarked as cook's assistant in an American ship. Eighteen years passed away, and no tidings were received of Lefevre; but now at length his relations have received a letter announcing his approaching return. It informs them that the ex-peditioner, after enduring unheard-of fatigues, and incredible changes of fortune, had arrived in France blind of one eye and short of an arm, but the possessor of riches valued at two million of francs.

Charles, who had listened to this article with growing interest, could not suppress an exclamation of surprise—"Two millions?"

"They will serve to lay him a glass eye and a cork leg," ironically observed the old soldier. "There is good fortune for you," continued the young workman, without heeding his uncle's remarks.

"And which it cost him a good deal to obtain," continued the veteran.

"Eighteen years of unheard-of fatigues," repeated Susan, dwelling upon the words of the paper.

"What matter when a fortune was in view?" repeated Charles, eagerly. "The difficulty does not lie either in travelling over a bad road, or long in encountering stormy weather to reach a good shelter, but in having to walk on with nothing in prospect at the end of our journey."

"And so," continued the young girl, timidly raising her eyes towards her cousin, "so you are willing up how much a good bookbinder such as he is, might economize; but when I came to the total, he shrugs his shoulders, and says that women understand nothing about calculations."

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trembled in her eye. Vincent also was silent; but he had again begun to twist his moustache with a morose air. There was a long silence.

Each of the three actors in this scene was engaged in pursuing a peculiar train of thought—Susan from her reverie. She rose hastily, and began to lay the cloth for their evening repast. It was a short and gloomy one. Charles, who had passed the latter part of the afternoon in a tavern with his friends, would eat nothing, and poor Susan had lost her appetite. Vincent alone did honor to the frugal repast; for the hardships of war had accustomed him to maintain the principles of his stomach in the midst of the most trying scenes. But his hunger was quickly appeased, and he returned to his arm-chair near the window. Susan, who longed to feel herself alone, put everything back in its place, took a light, kissed the old man, and retired to her little chamber over-head. Vincent and his nephew were left tete-a-tete; and the latter was also preparing to take his leave, when the old soldier made a sign to him to shut the door, and to come nearer to him.

"I want to speak to you," said he, seriously.

Charles, who expected to receive some reproaches for his late conduct, remained standing before the old man, but the latter made him a sign to sit down.

"Have you reflected well on the words which you spoke a few minutes ago?" he inquired, looking fixedly at his nephew. "Would you really be capable of making a long and sustained effort in order to make a fortune?"

"I!—Can you doubt it, uncle?" replied Charles, surprised at the question.

"Then you would consent to labor patiently, to work without intermission, to change all your habits?"

"If my doing so would accomplish any purpose—Yes. But why do you make me the inquiry?"

"You shall be made acquainted with my reasons," said the veteran, opening the drawer of a little escritoire, in which he kept the old newspapers which were lent to him by one of his fellow-lodgers. He searched for some time amongst them, and at last took out one, in which he pointed out to Charles an article which he had marked.

The young man read it half aloud. "Some steps have lately been taken with the Spanish government for the recovery of a treasure buried on the banks of the Douro after the battle of Salamanca. It would appear that in the course of the first division, to whom the charge of several tumbrils had been committed, was separated from the main body of the army, and surrounded by a force so superior to themselves, that any attempt at residence would have been in vain. The commanding officer, seeing that no hope remained of being able to cut his way through the opposing forces, took advantage of the darkness of the night to have the tumbrils buried in the earth by some of his soldiers in whom he reposed implicit confidence, then, feeling assured that no one would be able to discover them, he ordered his little band to disperse, so that they might each separately endeavor to escape through the lines of the enemy. Some few had the good fortune to succeed in rejoining their division; but the commanding officer, as well as all the men who knew where the tumbrils had been concealed, perished in the attempt. Now it has been positively affirmed that in these tumbrils were contained the money required for the expenses of the whole invading army—namely, a sum of about three millions."

Charles looked at his eyes sparkled with delight, and he asked enquiringly at the veteran.

"Were you one of that company?" he exclaimed.

"I was," replied the soldier.

"You know of the existence of this depot?"

"I was one of those whom the captain charged to bury it, and the only one amongst them who did not fall beneath the heavy fire of the enemy."

"Then you could give me some indication on the subject; you could help to find them?" inquired Charles, anxiously.

"So much the more readily," replied Vincent, "because the captain made us take as our joint punishment the parallel bearings of a red flag, and two hills which helped to mark out the spot."

"So you would remember it?"

"I could point it out as precisely as the position of the bed in this room."

Charles sprang from his seat.

"Your fortune then is made," he exclaimed, musingly.

"Why have you been silent so long?" he asked.

"The French government would have accepted any proposition you might have made in prospect at the end of our journey."

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"Where is the necessity of attempting officially a search, which might be made quietly without any display? Once upon the spot, and the ground purchased, who could prevent the search?"

"I have thought of it many a time for the last thirty years," continued the soldier. "But where was I to find the money necessary for the expenses of such a journey, and for the purchase of the field?"

"Would it not be possible to apply to some one richer than ourselves, and to put them in possession of a secret?"

"But how should we make them credit our report? or prevent our confidence being abused, if they did believe it? And if by any chance we should fall in the attempt, or if it should turn out as the fable, that when the hour of partition came, the lion should keep the whole of the prey for himself, should we not, then, in addition to the fatigues of the journey, and the uncertainties of success, have to brave the miseries of a lawsuit? Of what use would all this be, tell me? Is it worth my while to take so much trouble for the few days I have yet to live?"

"No, no; the millions may rest in peace as far as I am concerned. I have a retired pension of two hundred francs; thanks to the good help of my little Susan, that, with the small yearly sum attached to my cross, is sufficient to supply me with tobacco and my daily rations. I laugh at all other wants as I would at a detachment of Cossacks."

"And so you will let this opportunity escape you?" continued Charles, with feverish earnestness. "You will refuse all this wealth?"

"For myself, most cheerfully," replied the old man; "but for you it would be different. I would perceive just now that you were ambitious; that you would consider no sacrifice to great which would enable you to acquire riches. Well, then, amuse the sum which would be necessary for our journey, and I will accompany you to the spot."

"You!—Are you in earnest?"

"Earn two thousand francs, and then I will bring you to the very spot where the treasure lies concealed. Will that satisfy you?"

"Satisfy me, uncle," cried Charles in a transport of joy. Then checking himself, he added in anxious tone, "But how can I ever scrape together so much money? It never can be done."

"Work courageously, and bring me your pay every week. I promise you there will be no difficulty in accomplishing it."

"Remember, uncle, what a trifle the savings of a workman can amount to."

"That is my look-out."

"How many years will be necessary?"

"You were just now ready to sacrifice eighteen years, as well as an eye and an arm, in the same cause."

"Ah, if I were only sure!"

"Of acquiring a treasure? I swear to you by the ashes of the *Little Corporal* that you shall."

This was the soldier's great oath. Charles saw that he was serious in the matter. Vincent encouraged him anew, by assuring him that his future fate lay in his own power; and the young man retired to his rest, resolved to begin a life of sober industry.

But the hopes awakened within him by his conversation with his uncle, were too splendid to allow of his sleeping. He had passed the night in a sort of fever, calculating the means of gaining as quickly as possible the desired sum; setting before him the prospect of a future rich and happy, and he was now reviewing, one after another, all the chances which hereafter had only faded like dim visions before his imagination.

When Susan came down next morning, he had already gone off to his work. Vincent, observing her surprise, nodded his head and smiled, but said nothing. He had recommended secrecy to the young workman, and resolved to maintain it himself. Moreover, he wished to see whether Charles would persevere in his good resolutions.

The first month of trial was full of difficulty to the young workman. He had contracted habits which it required no small resolution to break through. Incessant work seemed insupportable to him. He was now obliged to struggle against that voracious fickleness of purpose which little habits of idleness had implanted in his mind, and to resist the importunities of his former companions in dissipation.

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careful love adorned their humble home with some fresh charm, and drew still closer those bonds of tenderness and affection which can make the lowliest dwelling the abode of happiness and peace. Charles was quite surprised at finding in his cousin attractions which he had never before discovered. She became insensible each day more necessary to his happiness. Without his being aware of it, the aim of his life was gradually changing; the hope of attaining the treasure promised by Vincent was no longer his only spring of action; in all he did, he now thought of Susan; his constant desire was to merit her approbation and become dearer to her.

The human soul is a sort of moral daguerotype; let it be surrounded by images of order, of industry, of self devotion; let it be illuminated by the sunshine of affection; and each of these images will imprint themselves upon its surface, and remain there forever firmly fixed.

The life which Charles was now leading gradually extinguished his ardent ambition; he saw within his reach a purer and simpler happiness than any of which he had ever before formed a conception; his paradise was no longer a fairy land, such as the Arabian Nights' depict, but a narrow circle, peopled with homely joys which he could without difficulty embrace within his grasp. And yet this transformation, visible to all around him, remained a secret to himself. He did not know that he was changed, he only knew that he was more tranquil and more happy. The only new feeling of which he was conscious was his love for Susan. The treasure he was laboring for, instead of being his principal object, he now looked upon only as a means to an end.

Charles looked forward to it as an imprudent addition, but still only as *accessory* to higher hopes; he also now began to feel the greatest anxiety to know whether his love was shared.

He was one evening pacing the little apartment, while Vincent and Susan were chatting together beside the stove. Their conversation turned on Charles' former master, who, after thirty years of a life passed in honest labor, had just put to sale his little bookbinding establishment, that he might retire to the country with his aged wife for the remainder of his days.

"Now that is a couple," said the old soldier, "who knew how to turn this world into a paradise; always of one mind, always in good humor, and fully occupied."

"Yes," replied Susan, thoughtfully, "the richest couple on earth might well envy their lot."

Charles, who had just then approached the stove, stopped a moment, and looked fixedly at his cousin, inquired, "Then you would like your husband to love you Susan?"

"Why, yes—certainly—if possible," she replied, smiling, and slightly coloring.

"You can have your wish, then," said Charles warmly. "You have only to say one word."

"What word, my cousin?" said Susan with some emotion.

"That you will accept me for your husband," replied the young man; adding with respectful tenderness, "as he saw the surprise and confusion which this abrupt avowal of his intention had produced in his cousin. "Oh do not let that annoy you, Susan; it has long been my most earnest desire to ask you this question. I only waited on account of a certain reason which my uncle is acquainted with, but you see how it has escaped me against my will; and now it is there, so you need have no fears that you are doing wrong."

The young man's voice faltered; he took his cousin's hand, which he pressed within his own, and a tear trembled within his eye. Susan was silent for her heart was too full to speak; and the old soldier looked at them with a smile of mingled playfulness and feeling. At length putting his arm around the young girl, and drawing her gently towards Charles, he said gaily, "Well now, speak, my little one."

"Susan," exclaimed her cousin, still holding her hand; "one word, only one word—will you be my wife?"

She hid her head upon his shoulder, and a half-articulated "Yes" escaped her lips.

"Eh, well now, I declare," cried Vincent, clapping his hand on his knee, "there was a great deal of difficulty about saying that word. Now you must both give me a kiss, said he, kindly taking their hands. "I will leave you this evening for talking your secrets, and to-morrow we will speak of business."

The next morning the old man, taking his nephew aside, announced to him that the sum which was required for their journey was now complete, and that they might set off on Spain in a moment, he experienced a renewal of hope as soon as they pleased. The more, which ought to have been a source of encouragement, became a source of anxiety.

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happiness? He had found it already. He did not, however, express these thoughts to his uncle, but merely declared himself ready to accompany him at an hour's notice. The old soldier reminded him that age was less hasty than youth, in its movements, and asked for a few days' delay previous to their departure. "Meanwhile I wish, Charles," said the old man, "that you would borrow from our neighbors those old newspapers which tell of the famous depot on the banks of the Douro; we can look over them carefully together, and may perhaps find some information that shall be useful to us on our arrival there."

The young man having made the desired application, they were in the course of half an hour, seated side by side, pouring over some well thumbed papers. Charles found only the details with which they were familiar—the refusal of the Spanish government—the fruitless researches of some Barcelona merchants. He thought that every document had been read, when his glance rested upon a letter signed by a certain P. Dufour.

"Peter Dufour?" repeated Vincent; "that was the name of the quarter-master of the company."

"So he is called here," replied Charles.

"Heaven save me! I thought the brave old boy was in the other world long ago; he was the confederate of the captain. Let us see what he has to say for himself."

Instead of answering, Charles uttered a cry of disappointment; he had looked over the letter, and on perusal its contents had turned deadly pale.

"What on earth is the matter?" inquired Vincent.

"The matter indeed!" repeated the young workman. "The matter is, that if Dufour speaks truth, we may as well stay at home."

"Why?"

"Because the tumbrils were filled with powder instead of silver!"

Vincent clapped his hand to his forehead with an exclamation of surprise and disappointment. Susan laid down her work, and fixed her eyes mournfully on her cousin. The latter was the first to recover from the stupor occasioned by this unexpected discovery. After a few moments he rose up with a look of cheerful animation, and approached Susan, seized her hand, exclaiming, "After all, here is my best treasure—one that I would not give up for all the treasure that may be buried in Spain and France too! So cheer up, good uncle, and let us make the best use of what is left to us. With true hearts and strong hands we can never be poor; can we Susan?"

"Never," she replied; and her eyes expressed even more unbounded confidence than was implied in the single word uttered by her lips.

The old man slowly raised his head, and repeated the well known proverb, *L'homme propose mais Dieu dispose*. Then, after a moment's thought, he continued, "I hoped to have seen you both wealthy before I died; but perhaps it is best as it is. Don't let us forget, however, your savings, Charles—Peter Dufour's letter cannot rob us of the two thousand francs; and," added he, smiling, "I have savings of my own thanks to the management of this good girl; we will see what can be done with it all." So saying, he rested his head on his elbow, and seemed for a while lost in meditation. At last he raised his head, and cried out joyously, "I have it!"

"What have you, good uncle?" exclaimed the young people, simultaneously.

"Patience, patience," replied the veteran with a knowing smile; "you shall know it all in good time. Will you call a hackney-coach for me, Charles? I have some business out, and it is still early in the day. Susan, child, I shall want you to come with me."

His desire was obeyed; and as he drove through the street, he acquainted her that his heart was set upon establishing them both in the business which had been just relinquished by Charles' former master. "And," added he, "Mr. Lebrun is an honest man, and will lend me a helping hand in the business. What say you to my plan, child?"

"Oh it would only make me too happy, dear uncle," she gratefully replied.

They called on Mr. Lebrun, and were so successful in their negotiations that on being again seated on the coach, the old man knocked his stick with vehemence on the floor, exclaiming, "By the ashes of the little Corporal he shall have it!" Susan kissed his hand with joyful affection. "Only let me see you settled to your own marriage, and I shall die happy," said the old man with some emotion. "But remember, Charles, to know nothing about all this yet; he continued, looking earnestly at the young girl. "It will be very hard to keep it from him uncle."

"But it must be kept," rejoined Vincent in a decided and somewhat grave tone.

Susan was silent; for she knew there was no appeal from such a decision. It was very difficult, however, for her to keep this secret from her lover; and it would have been still more so, had Charles been so fully occupied at this moment, that he had little leisure for conversation.

About a fortnight afterwards, on a fine holly day, Vincent proposed to the young people that he should treat them to a drive. "And after—"

wards," continued he, "you can go out together, and enjoy more of what is going on."

This they joyfully acceded to. At the end of a few minutes' drive, to Charles's great surprise the carriage stopped at the door of the *magasin* which had formerly belonged to his old master.

"What is the man about?" he inquired rather impatiently.

"We shall see, we shall see," replied the old man, smiling.

The steps were let down. Vincent, leaning upon Susan, got out, and entered the shop. Charles was about to follow them, when the name of "CHARLES VINCENT," in large gold letters, placed above the entrance, arrested his eye. For one moment he stood petrified; the next he hastened into the shop, and embracing his uncle and cousin in a transport of joy, exclaimed, "Ah, this is your secret! and you have kept it from me all this time," said he reproachfully to Susan.

"It is the last I will ever keep from you," she replied, looking somewhat confused.

"Yes, yes; it was all my fault; so don't scold her. No scolding to-day," repeated the old soldier, hobbling into the back room, where a huge block of wood was burning brightly on the hearth, and a small table was laid for dinner. The furniture was plain, but neat, and the tablecloth white as snow. Vincent, shaking his nephew by the hand, said, "Charles, you are welcome as the master of this house."

"Thank you, thank you a thousand times, uncle; but, turning to his cousin, "I do not care to be the master of it, unless Susan promises to be his mistress."

"And so she will," interrupted the old man.

"Don't you remember her promise?"

"Yes, but I wish her to repeat it once more."

Susan blushed, and gave him her hand.

Need we say what a happy and joyous evening followed this explanation.

Before many days had elapsed, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vincent were installed in the formal possession of their new habitation. Susan carried the same cheerful and elastic spirit into her married life which had sustained her in her earlier and more trying course; and even in her busiest moments, she found leisure to talk with the old soldier, as he sat by the fireside on a comfortable arm chair, with his beloved pipe and pouch placed conveniently at his side.

A year passed away, and the first anniversary of their wedding-day found this happy trio still happier than on the eventful day which fixed them in their present comfortable dwelling.

At supper, the old man drank to the health and prosperity of the young couple.

"Thank you, good uncle," said Charles; "and whatever share of enjoyment may be mine, I have to thank you for much of it, as it was you who first taught me that happiness does not lie in wealth or distinction, but in a life of honest industry, and a mind at peace with itself. You, too, I have partly to thank, continued he smiling and looking at his wife, "for having given her a greater treasure than ever I hoped to have possessed, had our expedition into Spain been crowned with the most entire success."

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ARRIVAL OF THE ACADIA.

The Steamship Acadia arrived at Boston on the 19th inst. bringing seven days later news from Europe. She made her passage in fourteen days.

The news from England is unimportant. Parliament had been further prorogued to December 12th.

The state of trade was not materially changed. There was a slight improvement in the cotton market, and a small advance in the consular market and in railway shares. This latter improvement was attributed to the announcement, on the 2nd, that the rate of discount on three months bills had been reduced from 3 1/2 to 3 per cent.

It was reported that insurrections against the Austrian authority had broken out simultaneously in several towns of Lombardy.

A reaction has taken place in the value of Railway property—the stock rising in all lines of any repute.

There has also been a rise in the Grain market, sufficient to establish a rise of a shilling or two in the price of wheat in Mark Lane, which is well supported. The rise of prices is now expected to cause an advance of the duty to 6s and perhaps even to 7s per quarter.

United States sizes were held at 97 1/2, an advance of one percent. during the week.

The Cholera was still prevalent in England.

IRELAND. At the Dublin Commission Court a bill has been found against Charles Gavran Duffy, for composing to levy war against the Queen, but owing to an error on the part of the Crown officer, his trial has been postponed to the December session.

Mr. Revin Ird O'Doherty, one of the proprietors of the Tribune, has been convicted for composing to levy war against the Queen, but he was strongly recommended to mercy. Sentence had not been passed.

The trial of Mr. Williams, the other proprietor, had been commenced but not concluded.

The Attorney General has conceded the right claimed for the issue of a writ of error in the cases of Mr. Smith O'Brien and his other convicts, and the 13th inst. is fixed for his fresh contest in the common law courts of Ireland.

In the event of the Court of Queen's Bench confirming the views of the judges who sat upon the trial, which is more than probable, considering that they are almost the same parties sitting at another tribunal, there can be no doubt that the prisoners will appeal to the House of Lords, and, under any circumstances, the final decision of the points in question can scarcely be arrived at for many months to come.

It is said that Smith O'Brien seems so secure of ultimate victory in his appeal to the House of Lords, that he is actually preparing articles of impeachment against his prosecutors, ministerial as well as judicial, which he expects to submit to the Commons in his place in Parliament, before the end of the next session.

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THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The old, time-honored democratic party, after a hard fought battle, once more find themselves beaten. They fought man fashion, their flag nailed to the mast, their measures before the country, their principles avowed, their standard bearer frank even on the ugly proviso question, and identified with the party, being selected because he was so identified. On their part, then, they were in open field inviting their antagonist to a similar contest. But how stood the whigs before the election? Politically, nowhere. They were behind trees, or in everglades, or where shot could not reach them—fighting Indian-like from beginning to end, and no strategy or opportunity or threatening could bring their leader out where the democrats could charge efficiently with their trusty blades. And so have the whigs won. But now, after election, they emerge as brave as Julius Caesar from their strongholds of non-commitalism; and though Gen. Taylor, scores of times, has said that no party should appropriate him—that if the whigs took him it must be without pledges—that he could not and should not carry out party schemes—yet they swear that they have achieved a real genuine whig victory. Guns and drums, bonfires and illuminations, balls and feasting, testify of their joy, whatever it may of their unanimity. Nor could their agony of delight have been greater had old Zach, instead of saying nothing, written ultra whig or bank, tariff, internal improvement, sub-treasury, and the line of the Nueces. The whigs will have it that the people have decided against democratic doctrines and measures, and in favor of an out and out whig policy.

That the masses have made such a decision cannot be shown. And if they had, it would be no valid reason why the democrats should abandon their principles, their party organization, all they have for years contended for, sink even their time-honored name, and range themselves under a narrow, sectional, factious banner, which never can wave over a united country. The old republican, constitutional party fellowship with those who hold that the constitution is a covenant with death, an agreement with hell! Or is it for such a party to amalgamate with the discordant material that makes up the "free soil" organization, less treasonous than the out and out disunion abolitionists, but far more dangerous in its tendency? It is to be hoped that the sterling democracy will not for a moment entertain such an idea. It is not true that the democratic party is disreputable or discredited, or that its mission is done. They are only repulsed. Their principles will never be given up. It is the old party of freedom, of progress, of the constitution, of the Union. It is the only party that can keep this a united nation. If they find themselves beaten, the only course is to pick their flints, keep together, and try again. The position of their antagonist will soon be changed. General Taylor will soon act where he must take sides. Then there must be an open fight or a frank surrender. If the President elect is a democrat, as some of his electioneering orators along south averred before the people—if he goes for sound constitutional measures—if he tells the whigs that he cannot accept their whig schemes—if he points to the non-partyism of his letters in vindication of a broad national policy—he is so. Democrats then, as they did when he was in Mexico, will take care of him in spite of whig wrath and wily wiles. But if Taylor comes out a whig and a quarter over—if there is to be an 1842 revival of whig policy—then there will be work for the democrats to do. They can then feel their enemy, and when did they ever meet him in open field and not conquer? The good of the country requires that the old democratic party should keep its ranks firm, and be ready to do prompt and efficient and patriotic service.

But look at the election—at the results. See how southern democrats have deserted their northern friends, it is said. Well, let us look at the south, and what do we behold? The old reliable democratic state still side by side with the glorious states of New Hampshire and Maine and of the great west. The democrats there have had much to meet in this struggle—the patriotic element, that grateful feeling towards the hero of so many battles as it has been General Taylor's good fortune to win; and the sectional element, that feeling of self-preservation that is so strong at the south, and which prompts them to unite in self defence at what they consider unwarrantable attacks on their rights. This cut down their majorities, so that even in old Virginia, the result became doubtful. But Missouri, Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, South Carolina, give their votes for Cass and Butler. We hoped to carry Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana and North Carolina, but still these cannot be set down as reliable states. They have sometimes been whigs, sometimes democrats, and were always regarded as doubtful states. In all of them, however, it is but hard justice to admit that the democrats have struggled hard and well. Their strongest men have been in the field, and the utmost enthusiasm has prevailed in the ranks; and if they were not successful in the doubtful states, it should be borne in mind that they had large odds to contend against—military renown, and a southern man.

Now is it quite fair for the north, with such a look at home, to throw stones at the south? There are some states here that are regarded

doubtful—Connecticut, New Jersey, and others. How do these states stand? They are free states, and had before them a northern man, free from all objection, one of the noblest candidates they ever had to vote for, and to oppose him a man who could not take all the votes of his party. Has not the north been false to itself in these states? But we pass to two other states—New York and Pennsylvania—and how do these stand? Here are states that ought to be reliable, whose votes, if cast for Cass and Butler, would have elected them. When did the democracy triumph without the aid of both of these? New York deserted the democratic standard from miserable local causes. But the Pennsylvania Democrats fought well. In addition to the military renown of Taylor, they had to contend against the weight of a depressed iron and coal interest—the powerful influence of capitalists operating on the fears of the voters. It proved too much for the democracy. Still its press, its orators, its democratic masses, fought well and bravely, and deserved success if they did not obtain it. The loss of these two states, SIXTY-TWO VOTES, or the loss of either of them, gives the whigs power. These things ought to be well weighed by those who would cast stones at the south. Had the north been true to itself, LEWIS CASS would now have been the President elect.

The south, then, has done its part—not all we could have wished—not all we had been led to expect—but all we had reason to rely on. When it is considered that the whig nomination was not fit to be made, that Taylor had no civil training behind him, and no political chart before him—was a southern man, and as such opposed, out and out, to the northern anti-slavery sentiment—and when it is considered, also, that the democratic nomination was one so honorable in every respect—that Gen. Cass stood unimpeachable in talent, character and fitness for the place—that he was a New Englander, shorn of New England bigotry, and at heart opposed to slavery and to its extension, as every true democrat is and ought to be—and that he was from the free states—it must be admitted that it is the north that has proved false to itself. These considerations, if the steady stream of whig anti-slavery, whig anti-extension, whig denunciation of dough-facism was worth the shreds on which it was written, should have had weight and carried the reliable as well as the doubtful states for the northern man. But not so. The whigs voted, as they always do, with their party, while the democrats did not rally as they ought to have done, for LEWIS CASS. These are facts that cannot be rubbed out. In place of rallying at the south, it is better to look them full in the face and profit by them.

In looking at the result of the election, it is truly gratifying to turn to the north-west, the home of LEWIS CASS, the place where he is known. Splendid is the tribute it has paid to his large service and devoted patriotism! It shows how the people there honor his talents and virtues. All praise to these states! Such a vote, given under such circumstances, is an unflinching laurel about the brow of the brave old volunteer. It has, however, been richly earned by a long life devoted to its interests. Deception is but short lived. The triumph of party have won success by systematic concealment of their policy. Their candidate, by a know nothing, say nothing policy, was enabled to rally around him in solid phalanx the selfish interests which make up the whig party, and to add to them that American feeling in the masses that never was apprised to its vain. In office he must act, and it is evident that there somebody must be disappointed. Will he meet the demands of the north—of those whose patriotism is of the pocket? Then he cuts from his southern friends. Will he veto the provision that will be tendered to him? Then he cuts his northern supporters. Time will show where he will be. Now his supporters here are worse than ever they were in their exultation over their beaten opponents. The lion-hearted democracy are down, and every jackass goes out of his way to give a kick. This insolence is better than pity, and it will not last long. Democrats will not patiently allow if they keep cool, wait, watch their opponents, rely on their own principles, and trust to the returning justice of the people.—Boston Post.

THE BOSTON ADLASS of the 22d inst. has the following:

One thing is certain, however, the day has dawned, and the immediate result is a restoration of confidence. Money lenders are not so fearful of coming events, but are freely and with change of feeling, alone, makes a sensible difference to borrowers, and affords all relief which can reasonably be expected at present.—The Banks are doing more, and the amount of prime paper offered in the street is small.

The New York papers hold the same tone. The result is as we predicted before the election. We shall have easy times now. There is no further occasion for tightening the screws.

ON THEIR WINDING WAY.—Washington letters say that some Northern "gentlemen" have already gone to Baton Rouge—eager, of course for Gen. Taylor's health. The General will doubtless hand them over to his physician. He will, unless he wishes to get into the hands of the physician himself.

TO ROW UP SALT RIVER.—Is a common phrase, used generally to signify political defeat. The distance to which a party is rowed up Salt River, depends entirely upon the magnitude of the majority against its candidates. If the defeat is particularly overwhelming, the unsuccessful party is rowed up to the very head waters of Salt River.

To row up salt river, has its origin in the fact that there is a small stream of that name in Kentucky, the passage of which is made difficult and laborious as well by its tortuous course as by the

abundance of shallows and bars. The real application of the phrase is to the unhappy wight who has the task of propelling the boat up the stream; but in political slang usage it is to those who are rowed up—the passengers, not the oarsman.—J. Inman.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

"The Union—it must be preserved."

PARIS, MAINE, NOV. 28, 1848.

DISTINCTIONS.

To the man of sense who views society as a necessary compact of intelligent beings, meeting for mutual benefit upon the broad ground of equality, those petty distinctions founded on the possession of wealth, or other extraneous appendages of character, appear ridiculous and amusing. In this country where the boast of equality is upon every lip, there are more distinctions in society than in any other country in the world; and there are grades of aristocracy in each of which there is more of exclusiveness manifested than among the nobility and gentry of any kingdom in Europe. There are distinctions in society which should always exist, on the perpetuity of which sound morality greatly depends. They consist in the various places exhibited in virtue and vice; and the more vicious a member of the compact becomes, broader and more decided should the virtuous draw the line of distinction, which should never be passed except on an errand of mercy by the latter, to reclaim the former, or in a way to give no countenance to wrong doing. This is a distinction of character, depending upon the violation of each, not on any fortuitous circumstances, and consequently is a legitimate distinction. But to see men building their structure of superiority upon the sandy and uncertain foundation of riches, upon the flimsy of some distinguished progenitor, or upon the more foolish and ridiculous idea that one employment was more genteel than another, excites the smile of mingled pity and contempt upon the lips of the sensible, yet we daily meet with those who assume superiority on these grounds, and it is to a practice, arising from the error of the judgment, that we may ascribe nine-tenths of the evils with which the harmony of society is disturbed.

What can be more ruinous to society than that distinction which calculates a man's worth by his occupation? What can tend more to rend asunder the bonds of social compact, or what will instill in man the hatred of his fellow-man, more than such distinctions in society? "The man of wealth is no more of an immortal being in the sight of a just God, than the man who is necessitated by his poverty to dig the earth for his subsistence. How often in our intercourse with man, do we see him of dollars and cents, scorn the idea of being ranked with him who by the sweat of his brow gains an honest living. The man of opulence with an inferior mind and education, just enough to enable him to use what perhaps he never earned, in showing others, live for himself alone, or to industriously grasp all within his reach, often affects more wisdom than those around him who labor for their sustenance and who have the benefits of what is generally termed a good education—a mind well developed, capable of rendering them useful to the community. Why this aversion? from what does it arise? From vanity made by gain, or by the effects of selfishness. But cast your eye where you will, man's principle is still the same, his habits in this respect do not materially differ. In the merchant or master, this love of distinction, to a less or greater degree, according to location, of being better than his inferiors in the possession of this world—we mean property—is the same. The merchant beholds the mechanic with a sort of contempt, he considers him as one of the brute creation compared with his noble self. The same may be said with equal truth of the master mechanic. We would not here be understood to mean the best workman, but the employer. He looks his journeyman and apprentices as inferior beings, hardly worthy to breathe the same air or eat of the same kind of food; and should one of the mechanic dare did we say—yes, dare to utter one syllable about his situation which did not in the strictest sense accord with the interest of his employer's pocket, he would feel his dignity, his judgment—insulted. What! a journeyman or an apprentice speak about before his master in this land of liberty! in America! who ever heard of such audacity. The boy of England dare not do it, and as we descended from the English, we should not improve or reform their practices, so far as they go to sustain rank. We may reform so far as it will pour into the rich man's purse—thus far and no farther. This is not a fancy picture; it is from real life which a careful observer sees in his every day's walk. Of course there are exceptions to this rule, though it is too generally true, especially in large towns and cities, and we may ask the cause; we search and find the cause to be nothing more nor less than avarice and a selfish ambition.

These distinctions and a want of genuine self-respect are the very basis of all aristocracy. For this aristocracy the people are to some extent in fault. They need not be deceived by aristocrats, if they would exercise a little discrimination and study more for their own true interest. They may be known by their deportment towards the people. They may be known by their disposition to club together, and constitute societies, and incorporate for the enjoyment of exclusive privileges, and for countenancing each other in their monopolies.

are composed in general of all those who are, or who believe themselves to be favored by some adventitious circumstances of fortune. They are those, with some honorable exceptions, who

have contrived to live without labor, or who hoped one day to do so, and must consequently live on the labor of others. But there is not one man in a hundred, whose interests, if he knew his own true interests, would lead him to join this party of aristocracy. Their numbers would be very small and truly contemptible, were it not for the ignorance, the foolish pride and vanity of many, who are continually itching to get into "good society," always ready to cringe with spaniel-like sycophancy to the rich, following wherever they lead, and careless of the liberty and happiness of others, provided they are favored slaves themselves, and receive some little notice from their masters. Every individual attached to this party from interest, from vanity, or pride, should justly receive the epithet of partisan. But it is impossible for a true democrat to be merely a party man, or for those favorable to democracy to constitute a party, exclusive of the rights of others. For how can he be a mere partisan, who looks upon all men as equal, and contends that there is no power, no advantage, no privilege, which can be enjoyed by any one man, or class of men, which does not equally belong, and ought not to be equally enjoyed by every other man in the nation. How indeed can that be called a party, which embraces and equalizes all the citizens. Who will attempt to show them, that the friends of the people—THE WHOLE PEOPLE—are not democrats, and not of the aristocracy, and who would not think it more honorable to be classed with the former than the latter.

EXHIBITION OF THE OXFORD NORMAL INSTITUTE. We had the pleasure of witnessing the closing scene of this Institute on Thursday evening last. The members of the school, that participated in the exercises, did themselves as well as the Institute and Teachers marked credit. Among the many competitors on the stage but two could receive the prizes, for which all were striving. The first prize was awarded to Levi R. Brown, of Albany, and the second to William D. Washburn, of Livermore. In addition to the declamations we were not a little entertained and delighted by the exhibitions upon the Piano forte by Miss Wadsworth, of Hiram, accompanied by the class in music connected with the school. May the deep interest and marked progress which has so distinguished this institution thus far, long continue to be its most prominent characteristic.

APPOINTMENT. JOSEPH G. COLE, Esq., of this town, has been appointed by the Governor Judge of the District Court for the Western District. This appointment will prove highly satisfactory to the numerous friends of Mr. Cole, as well as to the legal talent of this District.

THE AGE gives returns from 372 towns and 80 plantations in this State, in which the majority for Cass over Taylor is 4853. This comprises the whole State with the exception of three plantations.

Gen. Persifer F. Smith has been appointed Governor of California, in place of Gen. Mason recalled.

VERMONT. A correspondent of the Boston Post gives the official vote of Vermont for President. There is no choice by the people. Majority against Taylor, 1654.

THE ELECTORAL VOTES.—The duty of the Electors of the different states, and the manner in which the will of the people is officially declared, is set forth in the following article.

In order to fulfill the decree of the American people, as expressed through the ballot-boxes on the 7th, it will devolve on the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States to meet at the capitals of their respective states on the first Wednesday of December, and there discharge their duty according to certain forms of law. These forms, as prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, are, that the Electors, when so assembled, shall vote for the President and Vice President by ballot, naming in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice President. This having been done, they are then to make distinct lists of all persons voted for as Vice President, and of the number of votes given for each; which lists they are to sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. It is usual, we believe, for the certificates to state that "the Electors voted by ballot for President and for Vice President, naming in the ballots the person voted for for Vice President." These lists are usually transmitted to the seat of government by a special messenger.

The President of the Senate is required to open the certificates and count the votes in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the persons having a majority of all the electoral votes are declared to be the President and Vice President elect. This ceremony, in pursuance of the act of March 1, 1792, takes place on the second Wednesday of February.

NEW MATERIAL FOR CLOTHS. It has recently been found that the leaves of the pine apple contain an extremely fine glossy, and silken fibre easily separated by beating and washing. The ultimate fibres are finer than those of cotton or linen, applicable to the same purposes.

The Hartford, Conn. Bridge Company has just obtained a verdict of \$117,583 damages against the town of East Hartford, for diverting travel from their bridge, by reviving a ferry which the legislature, as an inducement for them to build the bridge, had agreed should be forever suppressed.

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in the year 1717! Notwithstanding it has been exposed to the weather for so long a period, it is still perfectly sound; and if unmolested by desecrating hands, it will doubtless be standing when every man, woman and child, that now moves upon the earth, shall have gone down to darkness and the worm."

In Boston, Mr. JAMES M. FLANDERS of Bos-
ton, to Miss ALMIRA F. SILVERMAN of Bangor,
daughter of this town. The promise to the Prin-
cess was fully redeemed. May their days be

and County, 1880, page 47. And what was the
 action of said Mortgage having been broken, I
 the public notice to foreclose the same given
 to the Statute in such case made and provided.
 WELCOME KINSLEY.
 Greenwood, Sept. 18, 1848. 51* 29

Hand, Sept. 3. 1925 - Norway, Oct. 24, 1925. 25

Paris Hill, March 22, 1847.

